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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARIES ATHERTON AND BENNET FROM GOHEEN

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SUBJ: PROPOSED CONGRESSIONAL VISIT

1. WHEN I CALLED YESTERDAY ON SANJIVA REDDY, SPEAKER OF THE LOK SABHA, HE PARTICULARLY EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT A DELEGATION OF MEMBERS OF CONGRESS MIGHT VISIT HERE THIS YEAR. I HAVE PROMISED TO EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITIES AND REPORT BACK SO THAT HE CAN EXTEND AN OFFICIAL INVITATION WHEN AND AS A POSITIVE RESPONSE IS LIKELY.

2. I SHARE REDDY'S ENTHUSIASM FOR SUCH A VISIT, WHICH I FEEL WOULD DEMONSTRATE AND REINFORCE THE POLITICAL VALUES THAT WE SHARE WITH THE NEW GOVERNMENT HERE, NOT EXCLUDING BOTH ECONOMIC AND CIVIL LIBERTIES ASPECTS OF HUMAN RIGHTS. JUDGING FROM MY DISCUSSIONS WITH SENATORS AND CONGRESSMEN IN WASHINGTON LAST MONTH, I WOULD ANTICIPATE A WARM RESPONSE ON THE HILL TO THE PROPOSAL.

3. I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR LOOKING INTO THE POSSIBILITY OF A CONGRESSIONAL VISIT, WHICH I WOULD HOPE WOULD INCLUDE MEMBERS OF BOTH THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE, AND ADVISING US AS TO WHOM SPEAKER REDDY SHOULD ADDRESS A FORMAL INVITATION. THE BEST TIMING FOR THE VISIT WOULD

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BE BETWEEN MID-NOVEMBER AND THE WEEK BEFORE CHRISTMAS WHEN THE INDIAN PARLIAMENT IS IN SESSION AND, AS YOU TWO OLD INDIAN HANDS WILL RECALL, THE DELHI WEATHER IS IDEAL.
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